Public Address System at Bus Terminal in Delhi

1203. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Address System is available at some terminals under D.T.C. in Delhi announcing the arrivals and departure of different services;

(b) if so, the details of these terminals locality-wise as on 28th February, 1993;

(c) whether D.T.C. proposes to extend this service at other terminals under D.T.C. in Delhi by June 1993;

(d) if so, the details of such terminals locality-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The public address system is available at Mehrauli Terminal, Kendriya Terminal, Shahdara Terminal and Uttam Nagar Terminal.

(c) to (e) The necessity of extending this service to other Termianls is being examined by Delhi Transport Coporation.

Use of safety helmets by two-wheeler riders

1204. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to enforce the use of Safety Helmets by Two Wheeler riders and pillion riders all over India;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Maintenance of National Highways by Private Sector

1205. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to involve private sector in the building and maintenance of selected stretches of National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals alongwith the stretches of highway selected for the privatisation and response of the private parties in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has been contemplating to involve Private Sector in construction, maintenance and operation of fee-based facilities on National Highways. Pending finalisation of the final decision in this context, a Memorandum of Under- standing (MOU) has recently been signed amongst the Government of India. State Government of Maharashtra and Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Ltd., (I.L.&F.S.) for taking up Panvel Bypass on N.H. No. 4, in Maharashtra on Build, operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.

Abolishing of Octroi in Delhi

1206. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have abolished octroi in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the amount of revenue loss to exchequeur and how the staff of the octroi department if going to be deployed and how the loss of revenue to Municipal Corporation is going to be compensated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.